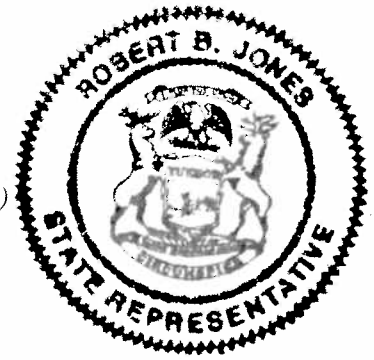


TO: The Michigan Legislature
FROM: The Energy Independence Coalition (*See signers listed below*)
(*For more information contact Kim Pargoff: 310-429-9160*)
DATE: June 6, 2007
RE: Michigan's Energy Future



Dear Representative / Senator:

As you know Michigan currently spends over \$20 billion a year on imported energy resources - virtually all from dirty, polluting fossil fuels. This fossil fuel dependence harms our economy, environment, and public health by polluting our air, Great Lakes, and natural resources. Fortunately, there are proven affordable alternatives such as home-grown, clean renewable energy and energy efficiency that are better for Michigan's future.

Strong clean energy policies will create thousands of new jobs, reduce the \$20 billion drain on our economy, enable healthier communities and reduce pollution and global warming emissions.

We ask you to choose a cleaner energy path for Michigan by supporting the following policies:

1. Utility-funded, statewide efficiency programs for electricity and natural gas and updated building codes:

- A minimum requirement for efficiency programs to save 1% of our energy by 2011 or earlier – which will cut our energy demand and provide electricity at half the cost of a new power plant – without harmful health and pollution impacts.

2. Renewable Energy Standard (RES):

- A standard that requires 20% of our state's electricity to come from clean, renewable sources such as biomass and wind by 2020 – to replace our oldest and dirtiest energy sources with home-grown clean energy that keeps Michiganders' dollars in our local economies.

These initial steps would help position our state for the 21st Century and improve our environment and economy – please show your leadership to moving Michigan forward.

Sincerely,

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| ❖ American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) | ❖ Michigan League of Conservation Voters |
| ❖ Clean Water Fund | ❖ Michigan Nurses Association |
| ❖ Ecology Center | ❖ Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance |
| ❖ Environment Michigan | ❖ Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council |
| ❖ Environment Michigan Research and Policy Center | ❖ PIRGIM |
| ❖ League of Michigan Bicyclists | ❖ Sierra Club, Michigan Chapter |
| ❖ Lone Tree Council | ❖ Transportation Riders United |
| ❖ Michigan Environmental Council | ❖ Union of Concerned Scientist |
| ❖ Michigan Farmers Union | ❖ Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition |
| ❖ Michigan Interfaith Power & Light | ❖ Urban Options |
| | ❖ Voices for Earth Justice |